

NEBRASKA EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING GUIDELINES
February 18, 2022

These guidelines will be in effect for NEOC Commission Meetings held in-person during the current pandemic, with the goal of providing the safest environment possible for the public, Commissioners, and NEOC staff, while still complying with the Open Meetings Act, our own statutes, and regulations.

- Omaha State Office Building at 1313 Farnam St, 1st Floor Conference Room, Omaha, Nebraska 68102
- A modified check-in routine will be in-place. Please follow staff instructions and/or signage when you arrive.
- A face covering is strongly encouraged. Disposable masks will be available, or feel free to wear your own face covering. Hand sanitizer will also be available.
- Per social distancing guidance and best practices, the public is expected to distance as far as possible and practicable from each other and from the Commissioners and Commission staff.
- As an alternative to attending the meeting in-person, the public is invited to watch and observe the meeting online through our state platform, WebEx. **Note:** this method is for observing only. You will be unable to interact or participate in the meeting. The address to observe the meeting via the internet or phone is as follows:

Computer Access – Shortened URL:

<https://tinyurl.com/neocfeb22>

To attend by phone for audio only:

Dial: **1-408-418-9388**, Access Code: **2480 062 1475**

- Parties (or Representatives) to cases to be heard before the Commission have two ways they can interact and participate:
 - **Option 1 (preferred):** Submit a statement in writing by 5:00 PM on the Thursday before the meeting (**2/17/2022**) to NEOC.Response@nebraska.gov. The statements will be read into the record by Commission staff. Statements **will be limited to two minutes of talk time, or one written page**, and must not include any names, nicknames or identifying information. Any statement received after 5:00 PM the Thursday prior to the meeting may not be presented. Statements received by the deadline will be read into the record regardless of attendance but will take the place of directly addressing the Commission, not be in addition to that option.
 - **Option 2:** Speak directly to the Commission, only for Parties present in-person (not available for those engaging online or phone) and who have not submitted a statement to be read. Remarks will be limited to two minutes, and you may not use the names, nicknames or identifying information of anyone involved in the case.
 - **Please Note:** Parties are not required to attend the meeting or submit a statement. Further, if a party does attend, they are not required to present a statement, though the Commissioners may have questions for the party even if the party does not present a statement. The Commission will still be prepared to decide your case regardless of your attendance or participation.

If you have any questions about these guidelines, please contact the NEOC at 402-471-2024.